

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, May 2, 2011, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips

Alderman Valerie Joh

Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote

Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.

Alderman Larry A. Munsey

Alderman Tom C. Parham

Alderman Jantry Shupe

*(arrived late at 4:45 p.m.)*

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:35 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman Marsh noted recent activity where Skoby's restaurant was. Mayor Phillips stated a flag pole and landscaping were being put in. City Manager clarified the position of the Chamber of Commerce as they move forward with their joint building with the Board of Education. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt discussed the different phases of the Riverfront development. Alderman Joh commented that Bud Ellis spoke to the carousel carvers over the weekend and there are now 28 committed carvers for this project, although 35 are needed.
4. **GRANTS OFFICE UPDATE.** Grants and Government Relations Specialist Morris Baker clarified his many roles in the grant process with departments all over the city, noting his ultimate role is the "gatekeeper" for all of these grants. He stated since 2008, Kingsport has received 45 grants totaling \$6,671,861. This figure does not include transit or transportation funding which is another \$8.3 million.
5. **FIREWORKS DISCUSSION.** Mayor Phillips clarified the interpretation of the International Fire Code, 2006 Edition, adopted by the City in the Code of Ordinances. He recommended amending a portion of this code regarding the sale of fireworks so that customers can handle the fireworks prior to purchasing them (Item VI.B.1 on the agenda).
6. **CITY SCHOOLS' BUDGET PRESENTATION.** School Board President Wally Boyd and Superintendent Richard Kitzmiller presented the Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget for Kingsport City Schools. The budget total of \$61,483,386 was based upon results, baselines and comparisons from previous years. The school system serves approximately 6,650 students (kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as about 180 pre-k students. Alderman Marsh commended the system-wide administrative cost reduction. Dr. Kitzmiller also noted the school nutrition budget was unique in that it was self-supporting. Future needs will hopefully be met through other sources, such as in kind contributions, when the time comes.

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**7. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MAY 3, 2011 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

**VI.D.1 Consideration of a Bid Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of Two (2) Hybrid Compact Sedans to Empire Ford, Inc. (AF: 99-2011).** Fleet Manager Steve Hightower stated these were detective cars and were not take-home vehicles. Alderman Marsh noted the fuel comparison was favorable.

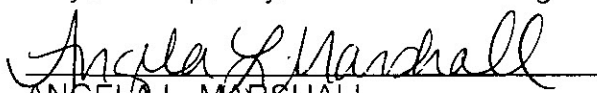
**VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Subcontract with the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Inc. to Provide Project Director Responsibilities for a Community Crime Reduction Byrne/JAG Grant and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Execute (AF: 100-2011).** City Manager Campbell clarified this was a comprehensive grant that encompassed several neighborhoods.

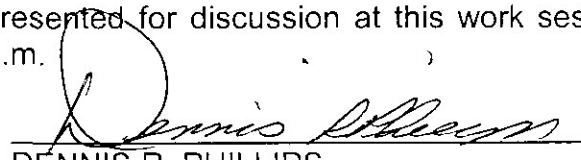
**VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a Traffic Law Enforcement Agency Services – Multiple Violations Highway Safety Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (AF: 94-2011).** Alderman Marsh requested a fatality report for the last 10 years. Deputy Chief Dale Phipps noted the police department was completing their annual report and would produce that information.

**BOARD COMMENT.** City Attorney Billingsley gave an update on the condition of Attorney Joe May. Mayor Phillips recognized Board of Mayor and Alderman candidates Tom Segelhorst and Mike McIntire in the audience. City Manager Campbell gave an update on upcoming road projects approved by the governor's office. Mayor Phillips also mentioned his Prayer Breakfast will be Wednesday morning with the breakfast line starting at 6:45 a.m. and the program beginning at 7:20 a.m. Alderman Joh commented on the recent storms that fortunately spared the City of Kingsport.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Jeannie Bourne also commented on the weather incident issue and suggested a plan for emergency preparedness. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds discussed the Reverse 911 and the Code Red system already in place. More information is available on the city's website. Mayor Phillips suggested putting a reminder on the water bills.

**8. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

  
ANGELA L. MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

  
DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor